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TAGS: IS, GW, EGEN

SUBJECT: ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON'S VISIT TO
THE FRG

REFS: (A) BONN 09504; (B) BONN 10857; (C) TEL AVIV 4505

SUMMARY: ALLON'S VISIT TO THE FRG JUNE 23-25 WAS
SUCCESSFUL, BUT LESS SO THAN ALLON'S STATEMENTS UPON
HIS RETURN TO ISRAEL WOULD INDICATE (REF C). END
SUMMARY

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1. FRG FONOFF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE NEAR EAST

(RICHTER) BRIEFED EMBOFF ON THE VISIT OF ISRAELI FONMIN YIGAL ALLON TO THE FRG, JUNE 23-25. ACCORDING TO RICHTER, ALLON WENT TOO FAR WHEN HE SAID ON HIS RETURN TO ISRAEL THAT "WE HAVE ACHIEVED PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING WE WANTED."

2. THE GERMANS AGREED TO ESTABLISH A TRADE PROMOTION CENTER IN ISRAEL. THEY ALSO ACCEDED TO AN ISRAELI PROPOSAL TO REFER PROBLEMS CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION TO AD HOC WORKING GROUPS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE FRG TOOK THE POSITION THAT IT COULD NOT STEER GERMAN INVESTMENT TOWARD ISRAEL. THE ISRAELIS HAD SOUGHT SUCH A COMMITMENT SINCE, ACCORDING TO THE ISRAELIS, BETWEEN 1967 AND 1975 THE ISRAELI DEFICIT IN ITS TRADE BALANCE WITH THE FRG REACHED DM5 BILLION.

3. THE FRG POSITION REGARDING THE ARAB BOYCOTT DID NOT FULLY SATISFY ISRAELI REQUEST THAT THE FRG CONDEMN THE BOYCOTT IN A JOINT COMMUNIQUE. THE GERMANS REFUSED ON THE GROUND THAT A SHARP DENUNCIATION OF THE BOYCOTT WOULD BRING THE ARAB MODERATES UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE HARDLINERS. THE RESULT WAS THE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE IN THE COMMUNIQUE REPORTED REFTEL (C).

4. ALLON ALSO FAILED TO GET THE GERMANS TO RAISE THE AMOUNT OF CAPITAL AID (DM 140 MILLION), TO SEPARATE CAPITAL AID FROM SPECIFIC PROJECTS, OR TO LOWER THE INTEREST RATE. OUR FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE DID NOT MENTION ANY PLANS TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS OF CAPITAL AID FOR ISRAEL AFTER THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS.

5. BOTH PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS REVEALED DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN ALLON AND HIS HOSTS ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT.

6. AT A DINNER WHICH HE GAVE FOR ALLON, GENSCHER URGED BOTH SIDES TO COMPROMISE. GENSCHER CONTINUED: "I AM PLEASED THAT IT WAS HERE IN THE FRG THAT RESPONSIBLE

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ARAB STATESMEN LET IT BE KNOWN THAT THEY NO LONGER QUESTIONED THE EXISTENCE OF ISRAEL. THIS IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR ISRAEL TO TAKE STEPS TO REACH A PEACE SETTLEMENT WHICH IS NECESSARY FOR ISRAEL."

7. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TRIED TO CONVINCE ALLON THAT THE SAUDIS WANTED PEACE. HE CRITICIZED THE ISRAELI POLICY OF ALLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JEWISH SETTLEMENTS ON THE WEST BANK. ALLON RESPONDED TO THIS
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CRITICISM BY PROMISING THAT ISRAEL WOULD MAKE A CONCESSION BY REMOVING ONE SETTLEMENT (PRESUMABLY KADUM)

IN SUMERIA.

8. IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW, AND IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS, ALLON SAID THAT EUROPEANS COULD HELP IN THE MIDDLE EAST ALONG LINES IN REFTEL (B). HIS PUBLIC REMARKS ALSO REFLECTED ISRAELI CONCERN OVER LEBANON. THE FONOFF INTERPRETED ALLON'S REMARKS ABOUT THE FRG'S POLICY TOWARD THE MIDDLE EAST AS A MILD COMPLAINT. FRG STATEMENTS ABOUT THE RETURN TO 1967 BORDERS AND THE EXISTENCE OF A "PLO OFFICE" IN BONN (BONN 9031) WERE THE POINTS AT ISSUE.

9. COMMENT: THE VISIT WENT ABOUT AS THE FRG HAD ANTICIPATED (REFTEL (A)). SINCE THE VISIT, THE FRG AND ISRAEL HAVE WORKED TOGETHER CLOSELY IN THE ENTEBBE INCIDENT, THE RESOLUTION OF WHICH PROMPTED A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM SCHMIDT. WE EXPECT FRG-ISRAELI RELATIONS TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER.
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